

The 114th Indiana General Assembly convened on January 4th for the short session. I anticipate several important proposals will emerge over the next few months and I need your opinions.



Issues we are likely to address include property tax relief, job creation and economic development, improved school funding, and finding ways to improve state and local government.

During the short session, we are limited to filing only five bills. Three important bills

that I intend to file include banning the use of cell phones for drivers between 16 and 18 while driving a motor vehicle, returning the penalties for forfeited bids at a tax sale to county government and criminalizing the trafficking of humans.

I hope you will take a few moments to respond to my legislative survey. You can complete the survey on the right, or respond to my survey online at www.in.gov/h36.

I look forward to hearing from you.

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2006 Legislative Survey

Please complete this survey and return it to me by mail or online at www.in.gov/H36.
Two sets of answers are provided so a second person of your household may respond.

The presence of a question in this survey does not necessarily indicate Rep. Austin's support or opposition for the issue.

	1st person	2nd person
1. Do you believe the Interstate 69 extension from Indianapolis to Evansville should be a toll road?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/> no opinion	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/> no opinion
2. Do you agree with the proposed plan to lease or sell Indiana's Toll Road (in northern Indiana) to private or foreign investors?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/> no opinion	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/> no opinion
3. Should the state dedicate funding toward expanding broadband services to rural Indiana to promote economic development and giving businesses and individuals more access to the Internet?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/> no opinion	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/> no opinion
4. Should Indiana provide more assistance (such as training, schooling and tax relief) to workers who have lost their jobs due to companies relocating to other states or countries?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/> no opinion	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/> no opinion
5. Would you support a plan to enable state government workers to attend Indiana's community college system at free or reduced tuition rates?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/> no opinion	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/> no opinion
6. Should companies that have received tax breaks (abateements, etc.) or expansion incentives (worker training grants, etc.) be required to repay those benefits if they relocate in another state or country?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/> no opinion	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/> no opinion
7. Should companies have to pay back or forfeit tax breaks or incentives if they do not produce the number of jobs they pledged to obtain the tax breaks or incentives?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/> no opinion	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/> no opinion
8. Do you agree with the decision to close 30 license branches across the state of Indiana?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/> no opinion	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/> no opinion
9. As a result of these closings, have you seen improved service at your local license branch in the past six months?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/> no opinion	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/> no opinion
10. Do you believe the state of Indiana should sell its assets (state parks, state facilities, etc.) to private or foreign corporations?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/> no opinion	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/> no opinion
11. Should local units of governments (cities, towns, counties, school districts, etc.) be given the option of enacting local option taxes (sales or income) in order to fund local services (such as schools, police and fire protection, local government operations)?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/> no opinion	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/> no opinion
12. Do you believe the state of Indiana should privatize some of its operations, such as state prisons, hospitals and parks?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/> no opinion	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/> no opinion
13. Recent Supreme Court rulings have allowed private property to be seized for private economic development purposes. Should Indiana pass laws to restrict or curb this practice?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/> no opinion	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/> no opinion
14. Do you support giving Hoosier Park (Anderson) and Indiana Downs (Shelbyville) approval to install electronic gaming machines to generate additional revenue to expand the horse and agribusiness industries?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/> no opinion	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/> no opinion
15. Do you support making video gaming machines (cherry masters, video poker, etc.) legal and allowing them to be installed in restaurants and bars, with the state collecting a share of the proceeds?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/> no opinion	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/> no opinion
16. Where should any additional gaming revenue be targeted? 1st person: <input type="checkbox"/> property tax reduction <input type="checkbox"/> school funding <input type="checkbox"/> road construction <input type="checkbox"/> economic development <input type="checkbox"/> local government funding <input type="checkbox"/> other 2nd person: <input type="checkbox"/> property tax reduction <input type="checkbox"/> school funding <input type="checkbox"/> road construction <input type="checkbox"/> economic development <input type="checkbox"/> local government funding <input type="checkbox"/> other		

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